

Remarks

Claims 1-11 were pending.

Claims 1, 3, and 5-11 are amended.

Claims 2 and 4 are original.

Claims 12-20 are new.

The application now contains claims 1-20.

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the term "ink" immediately prior to the term "comprises.

Claims 3, 5-8 and 11 are amended to remove multiple ranges.

Claim 5 is further amended to delete the term "and" from the end of both descriptions of component a1).

Claim 6 is further amended to delete the term "gloss" from the first line.

Claim 7 is further amended to include the terms "inorganic or organic pigments or colorants" and "metal oxides or sulfides" in the description of optional layer D^M. Support is found in original claim 9 and in the paragraph bridging pages 11 and 12.

Claim 9 is amended to incorporate more appropriate Markush language by replacing the term "such as" with "selected from the group consisting of", to delete the terms "compounds similar to graphite" and "mixtures thereof" and to replace the phrase "inorganic or organic pigments or colorants" with the phrase "inorganic pigments, organic pigments, other colorants" for clarity.

Claim 10 is amended to remove multiple dependencies.

Claims 12-15 are new; support is found in the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 and on page 9 lines 13-16.

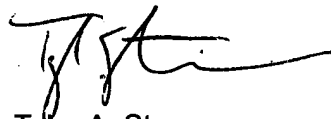
Claim 16 is added to reclaim material deleted from claim 3. The variable "z" was inadvertently listed as "y" in 2 of the ranges found in original claim 3. That error is corrected here, support is found on page 5 lines 4,5.

Claims 17-20 are added to reclaim material deleted from claims 6-8 and 20, respectively.

No new matter is added.

Consideration of the present claims on their merits is respectfully awaited.

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